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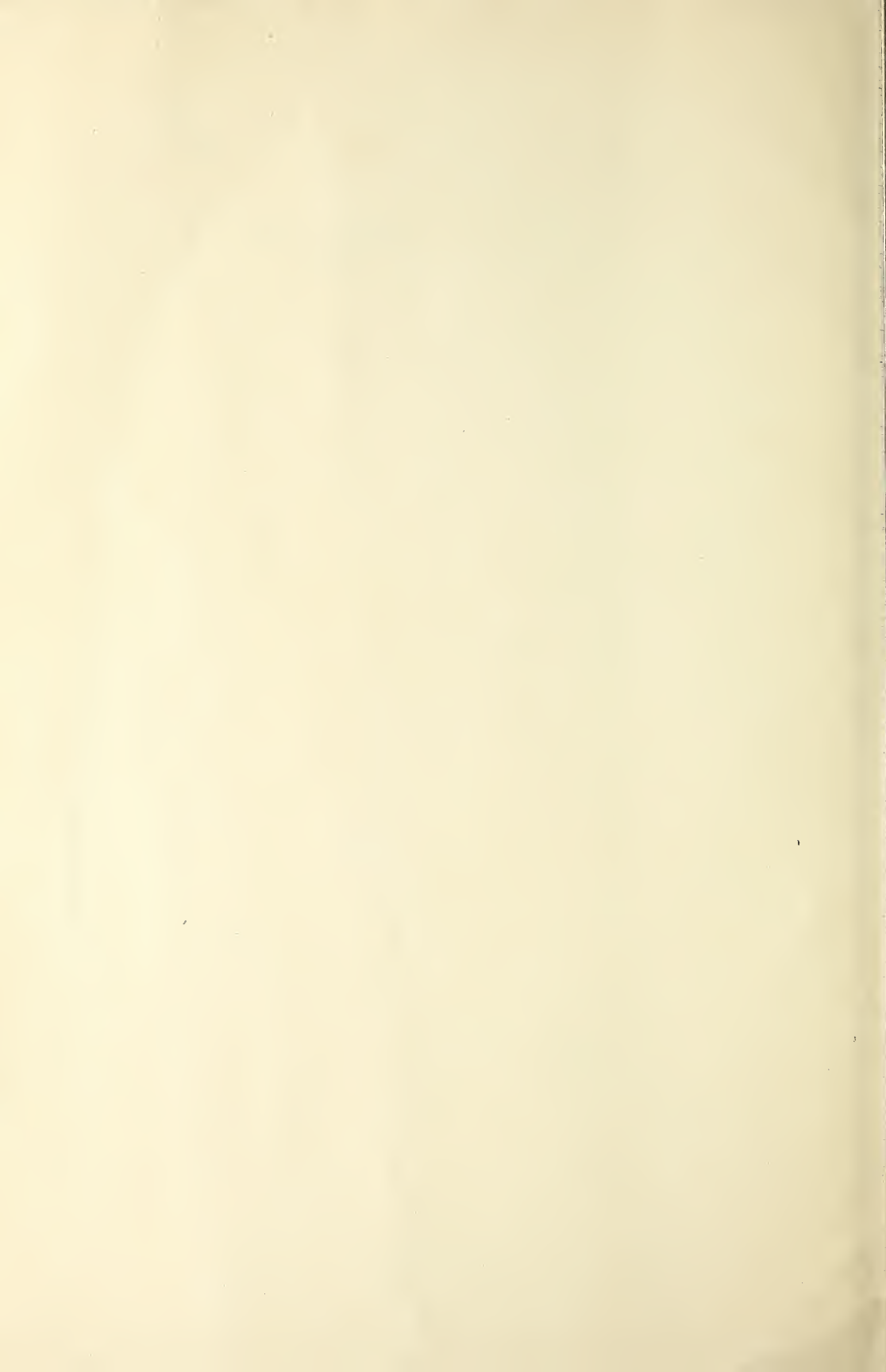
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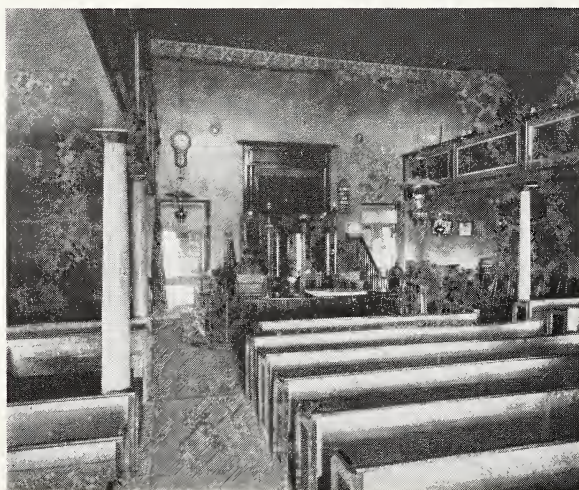
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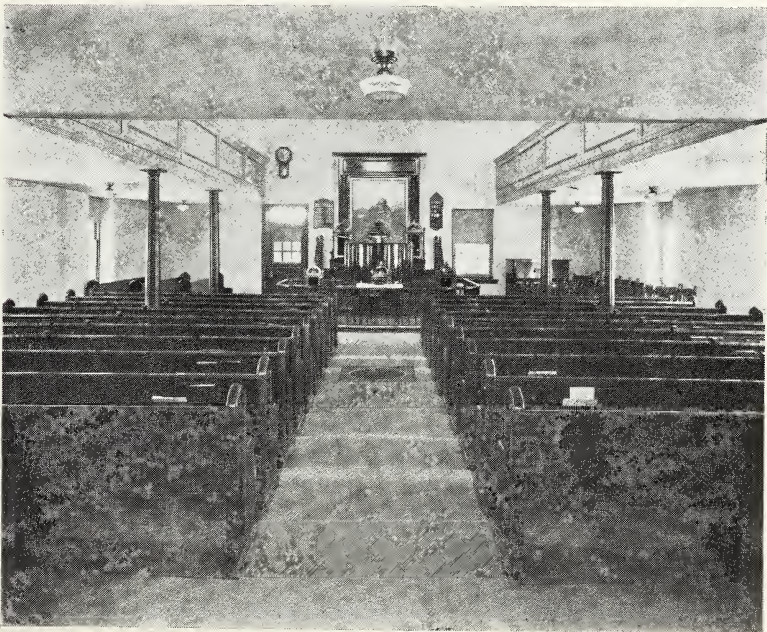
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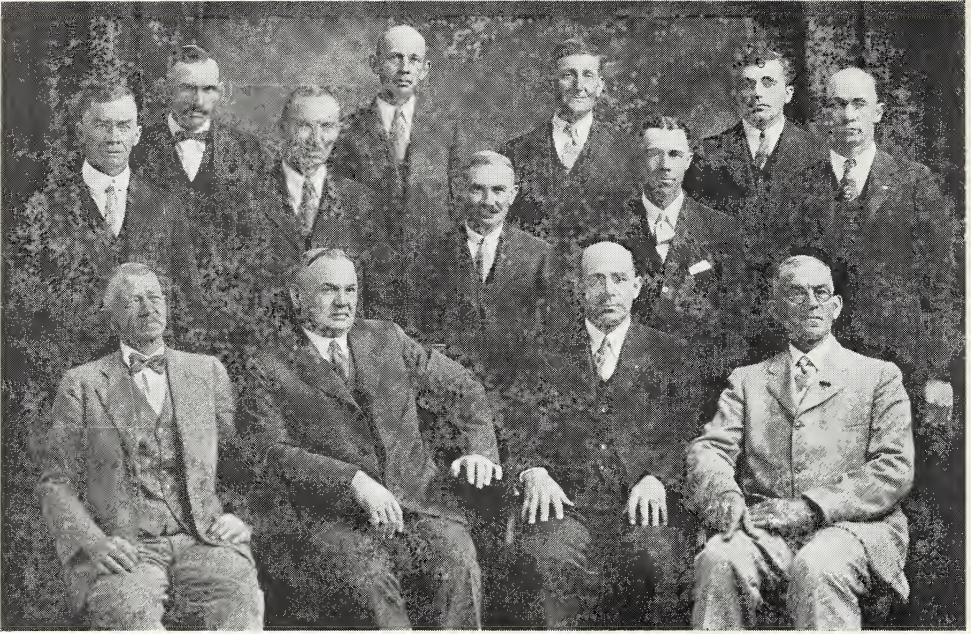
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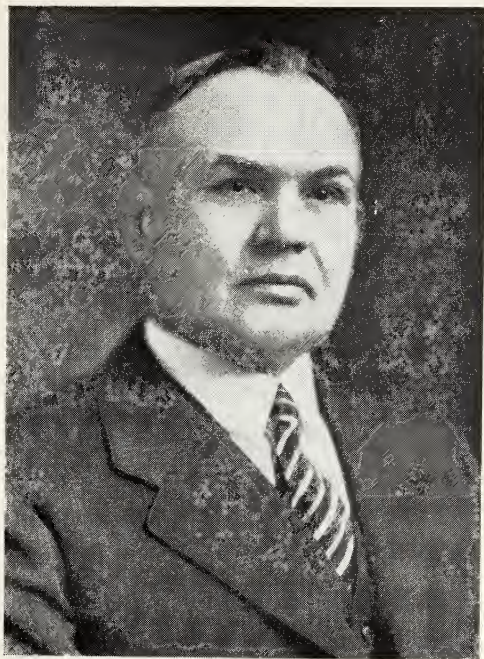
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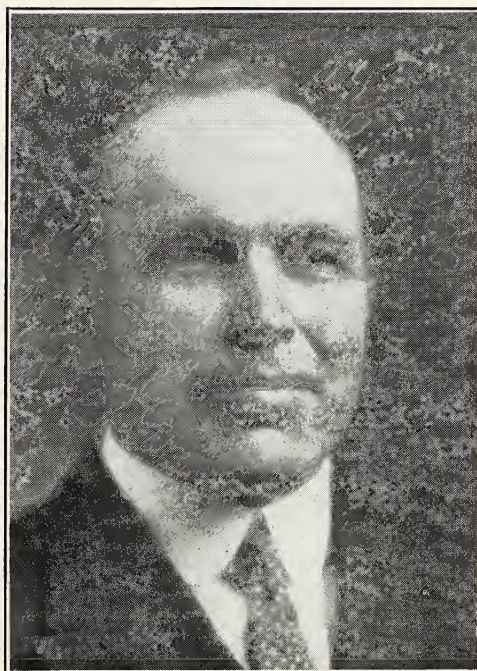
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REV. HARVEY BICKEL, *Lutheran Pastor*



REV. JOHN C. SANDERS, *Reformed Pastor*

Order of Service

Sunday November Nineteenth

Morning Service - 10:30 A. M.

Opening Service Page 9

Scripture Lesson

Hymn (Lutheran No. 68, Reformed No. 8)

Prayer

Anthem Choir

Announcements and Offering

Hymn (Lutheran No. 314, Reformed No. 240)

Sermon—The Theme “GRATITUDE”

By the REV. JOHN ABERLY, D.D.

President of Gettysburg Theological Seminary

Hymn (Lutheran No. 292, Reformed No. 419)

Benediction



Evening Service - 7:00 P. M.

Invocation

Hymn (Reformed No. 31, Lutheran No. 21)

Scripture Lesson

Gloria Patri and Prayer

Hymn (Reformed No. 641, Lutheran 529)

Offering and Announcements

Anthem Choir

Sermon “THE CHURCH—WHY I OUGHT TO GO”

By the REV. I. M. BEAVER

Editor “Reformed Church Record,” Reading, Pa.

Prayer

Hymn (Reformed No. 420, Lutheran No. 284)

Benediction

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Week Night Services

7:30 P. M.

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Tuesday, November 21

Sermon . . "NEVERTHELESS, HE WENT TO CHURCH"

By the REV. PIERCE E. SWOPE

Pastor St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.

Wednesday, November 22

Sermon—The Theme. . "AN ANNIVERSARY OUTLOOK"

By the REV. WM. A. KUMP, D.D.

Chambersburg, Pa.

Thursday, November 23

Sermon

By the REV. F. F. BAHNER, D.D.

*Pastor Emeritus, Trinity Reformed Church,
Waynesboro, Pa.*

Friday, November 24

Sermon—the Theme

"THE FOUNDATION AND THE SUPERSTRUCTURE"

By the REV. H. B. STOCK, D.D.

Pastor St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pa.

*Special Music Has Been Arranged for Each of
These Services*

Sunday, November 26, 1933

Morning Service - 10:30 A. M.

Invocation

Hymn (Reformed No. 234, Lutheran No. 177)

Scripture Lesson and Gloria Patri

Apostles' Creed and Prayer

Hymn (Reformed No. 417, Lutheran No. 294)

Offering and Announcements

Anthem Choir

Sermon

“OUR HERITAGE AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY”

By the REV. GEORGE W. RICHARDS, D.D., LL.D.

*Professor of Church History and President Reformed
Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.*

Prayer

Hymn (Reformed No. 512, Lutheran No. 344)

Benediction



Evening Service - 7:00 P. M.

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Scripture Lesson

Hymn (Lutheran No. 198, Reformed No. 642)

Prayer

Anthem Choir

Announcements and Offering

Hymn (Lutheran No. 202, Reformed No. 295)

Sermon, The Theme

“BEFORE THIS CENTURY OF PROGRESS”

By the REV. H. D. HOOVER, D.D.

Gettysburg Theological Seminary

Hymn (Lutheran No. 62, Reformed No. 42)

Benediction

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One hundred years ago this Church building which has afforded a place of worship to multitudes was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. It displaced a far more modest log structure, situated on the opposite side of the road which had been built in 1766 although not completed until 1778. The corner stone of this present church was laid in May 1833. The dedication service was held on Sunday, November 24, of the same year. Religious services were held from Friday evening the 22d to Monday evening the 25th. Rev. R. Weiser preached the first sermon in the new church. On Monday morning the Lord's Supper was administered in which the ministers and people of both congregations united. The attending and officiating ministers were: Revs. Rahauser, Sr., Rahauser, Jr., Rabaugh, Meyer, Glessner, Reily, Aurandt and the pastor, Scholl, German Reformed and Revs. Ruthrauff, Sr., Weiser, Reck and the pastor, Hoffman, Evangelical Lutheran. This building costing about \$3000 was considered very fine in its day. During the 1928 improvement program abundant proofs of the strength and durability of the materials used were brought to light. As we compare dollar values that project doubtless required more courage and sacrifice to carry it to completion than the outlay of more than twice that amount involved in the improvements of 1928.

THE IMPROVED CHURCH OF 1928

Following the action of both congregations authorizing it the task of improvement was started on August 20, 1928. As is usually the case in building operations there were unforeseen delays and the church was not ready for use until December 23. There were large attendances at both services on that day. The people were happy because the enforced and prolonged vacation had finally come to an end. The rededication service was held on March 17, 1929. It was a joyous occasion. More than 700 people crowded into the church. The pastors, Revs. Harvey Bickel and John C. Sanders were assisted by Dr. Henry Anstadt of Chambersburg, President of the West Penn-

sylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church and Rev. Pierce E. Swope of Lebanon, former pastor of the Reformed Church, both of whom preached sermons. Dr. Wm. A. Kump of Chambersburg offered prayer and Rev. R. R. Ziegler of the Fetterhoff's Chapel brought the greetings of his people.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

The main items entering into the 1928 program and supplemented later on, by far the most extensive improvements made since the brick church was built were: An addition to the front, 10x38 feet was built, to be used for rest or class room purposes; the brick wall partition at the front of the church was torn out; the two side doors gave place to a wide central entrance; new oak pews were placed in the main body of the church with a three aisle arrangement instead of two; a hard wood floor was laid; the pulpit was lowered one step; the church was painted both inside and outside; the furnace was extensively repaired and moved from the north side to the centre of the church; the church was wired for electricity and the fixtures placed; (later on the light line was built and the lights were used for the first time on September 1, 1929) a painting of Hoffman's Christ in Gethsemane was put back to the pulpit; two open stairways to the gallery displaced the former closed ones; concrete was laid connecting the two walks leading to the former entrances; the gallery pews were repaired, grained and varnished and all the interior wood work painted; cork was laid in the aisles and carpet at the pulpit end of the church and other minor improvements made. In the summer of 1930 a Winters Bulletin Board was placed in the front of the church. In 1932 two electric light standards were placed thus assuring plenty of illumination to all parts of the church grounds. As a climax, in the same year a concrete block retaining wall, necessitated by the cut made here in the construction of the new Chambersburg-Waynesboro road, was built and considerable shrubbery was planted. In the late summer of 1933 screens were provided for the windows and double screen doors for the vestibule, convertible into storm doors for the winter season. The cost of these changes was met by the Ladies' Aid Societies of the two congregations. The total cost of all these changes and improvements was more than \$7000.

SPECIAL MENTION

Credit for the pews, the floor covering and the window shades belongs to the Ladies' Aid Societies of the two congregations each organization meeting one half of the cost. These ladies deserve special mention because of their foresight, interest and untiring efforts in gathering funds over a period of years. The hard wood floor costing about \$500 was paid by the Lutheran congregation, this being additional to the plans adopted by both groups. The Always Ready Class of young ladies furnished the painting back of the pulpit. They also paid for the Winters Bulletin Board and the two electric light standards. The Young Men's Bible Class was responsible for moving the furnace. The lighting fixtures were paid by the following Sunday School classes and one individual: The two large lights by the Sunbeam Class; the seven lights under the galleries, the two in the small rooms, and the two in the closets by the Golden Link Class; the five gallery lights upstairs by the Loyal Workers' Class; the outside lights at the front and rear doors and all the bulbs by the Willing Workers' Class; the pulpit light by Helen L. Hovis. The building committee were responsible for many of the details which could not be taken before the larger groups and they deserve no little credit for their efforts to make Solomon's church a more beautiful place. Theirs was no easy task. They acted in good faith and the result of their efforts will be increasingly appreciated in the years to come.

FINALLY

In connection with this Centennial Anniversary we look back with deep gratitude to the labors of the pioneers—those in pulpit and pew who were here 100 years ago; also to those who carried on the work through the intervening years. We have entered into their labors. We have many advantages they lacked. On this account our responsibility is not less but far greater. As we start the use of this church for a second century may souls continue to find their Saviour and be built up in Him in this sacred place! May Solomon's Church be indeed a light that shall shine more and more brightly in this community in the years to come!

Lutheran Pastors

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Rev. John Bager	1765-1770
Rev. John George Young	1772-1783
Rev. John Michael Steck	1784-1788
Rev. Anthony U. Ludgen	1789-1794
Rev. John Ruthrauff	1795-1815
Rev. John Fred Moeller	1816-1829
Rev. Benj. Kurtz, D.D.	1831-1833
Rev. John N. Hoffman	1833-1835
Rev. Jeremiah Harpel	1835-1837
Rev. Jacob Martin	1839-1840
Rev. Peter Sahm	1840-1845
Rev. Michael Eyster	1846-1847
Rev. Levi T. Williams	1847-1849
Rev. A. C. Wedekind	1849-1850
Rev. David H. Focht	1850-1854
Rev. George Sill	1855-1859
Rev. S. McHenry	1859-1865
Rev. J. R. Miller	1866-1869
Rev. A. C. Felker	1869-1871
Rev. A. H. Shertz	1872-1886
Rev. D. S. Lentz	1887-1894
Rev. M. S. Roming	1894-1898
Rev. D. R. Becker	1898-1906
Rev. A. B. Miller	1906-1908
Rev. J. J. Minemier	1909-1910
Rev. A. D. Potts	1911-1919
Rev. William Hesse	1920-1922
Rev. Harvey Bickel	1922-

Reformed Pastors

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Rev. Jacob Weymer	1785-1790
Rev. J. Philip Stock	1791-1802 or 1803
Rev. James Hoffman	1807-1823
Rev. Frederick A. Scholl	1823-1834
Rev. Benj. S. Schneek	1836-1841
Rev. John C. Guldin	1841-1842
Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart	1842-1843
Rev. John R. Kookon	1843-1845
Rev. Franklin W. Kremer	1845-1851
Rev. John C. Bucher	1851-1852
Rev. John S. Ermentrout	1852-
Rev. Samuel Miller	1854-1856
Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock	1856-1859
Rev. Aaron Wanner	1859-
Rev. David Hefelfinger	1859-1860
Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrick	1860-1864
Rev. Elijah B. Wilson	1865-1866
Rev. Chas. G. Fisher	1866-1868
Rev. Moses Kieffer, D.D.	1870-1871
Rev. Samuel Z. Beam	1871-1872
Rev. Henry I. Comfort	1872-1880
Rev. Wm. H. Herbert	1880-1885
Rev. P. A. Long	1885-1891
Rev. I. M. Beaver	1891-1901
Rev. G. P. Fisher	1901-1910
Rev. Pierce E. Swope	1910-1913
Rev. John S. Heffner	1913-1916
Rev. John W. Keener	1917-1918
Rev. Henry N. Smith	1918-1925
Rev. John C. Sanders	1926-





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